

better tie in the body of the claim with the preamble. Original Claim 19 has been substantially revised to provide a more active method recitation in terms of operation.


The filing of the continued prosecution application provides a new filing date to the instant application and is done to obviate the rejection as being unpatentable over Spurr et al. U. S. Patent No. 6106166 which is commonly assigned to Eastman Kodak Company. The inventors of the instant application were all under an obligation to assign the invention to Eastman Kodak Company at the time the invention was made.

Upon indication that the application is otherwise in condition for allowance, applicants will provide a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection for double pending with respect to U. S. Patent No. 6106166.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the application, subject to the filing of a terminal disclaimer, is in condition for allowance prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned in the event that prosecution of the application may be advanced by a telephone interview.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**Claims 37-49 are newly added claims.**

**Claims 1, 8, 19, 20, 26, and 36 have been amended as follows:**

1. (Amended) A printer of the type which selectively deposits a color marking material onto a receiver to form an image on the receiver, the printer being adapted to sense data uniquely associated with a consumable to be loaded into the printer, comprising:

(a) a transceiver for transmitting a first electromagnetic field and for sensing a second electromagnetic field;

(b) a transponder coupled to said consumable, said transponder adapted to receive the first electromagnetic field and generate [a] the second electromagnetic field in response to the first electromagnetic field received thereby; and

(c) a memory coupled to said transponder, said memory having the data stored therein uniquely associated with the consumable, whereby the second electromagnetic field carries the data stored in said memory while the second electromagnetic field is generated, the second electromagnetic field being characteristic of the data stored in said memory.

8. (Amended) A printer of the type which selectively deposits a color marking material onto a receiver to form an image on the receiver, the printer being adapted to sense data uniquely associated with a printer consumable to be loaded into the printer, comprising:

(a) a transceiver for transmitting a first electromagnetic field and for sensing a second electromagnetic field;

(b) a first transponder including a first memory coupled to a first consumable used by the printer; and

(c) a second transponder including a second memory coupled to a second consumable used by the printer, each of said first and second memories having data stored therein indicative of type of consumable, so that a selected one of either of said transponders is capable of receiving the first electromagnetic field

and generating a second electromagnetic field in response to the first electromagnetic field received thereby, the second electromagnetic field being sensed by said transceiver and characteristic of the data stored in said memory, the data being associated with said selected transponder generating the second electromagnetic field.

19. (Amended) [A] In a printer which operates to selectively deposit a color marking material onto a receiver to form an image on the receiver, a method [adapted to sense] for sensing data uniquely associated with a consumable [to be] loaded [therein] into [a] the printer, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) [providing] operating a transceiver [for transmitting] to transmit a first electromagnetic field [and for sensing a second electromagnetic field];

(b) [coupling] providing a transponder [to] associated with the consumable, the transponder [adapted to receive] receiving the first electromagnetic field and [generate] generating a second electromagnetic field in response to the first electromagnetic field [received thereby; and

(c) coupling a memory to the transponder, the memory having the data stored therein uniquely associated with the consumable, whereby] , the second electromagnetic field [carries the] carrying information relative to data stored in [the] a memory [while the second electromagnetic field is generated, the second electromagnetic field being characteristic of the data stored in the memory] , the memory being coupled to the transponder and having the data stored therein and uniquely associated with the consumable.

20. (Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of providing a transceiver comprises the step of providing a transceiver that transmits the first electromagnetic field at a predetermined first radio frequency.

26. (Amended) [A] In a printer which operates to selectively deposit a color marking material onto a receiver to form an image on the receiver, a method [adapted to sense] of sensing data uniquely associated with a printer

consumable [to be] loaded into [a] the printer, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a transceiver for transmitting a first electromagnetic field and for sensing a second electromagnetic field;

(b) providing a first transponder including a first memory coupled to a first consumable; and

(c) providing a second transponder including a second memory coupled to a second consumable, each of the first and second memories having data stored therein indicative of type of consumable, so that a selected one of either of the transponders is capable of receiving the first electromagnetic field and generating a second electromagnetic field in response to the first electromagnetic field received thereby, the second electromagnetic field being sensed by the transceiver and characteristic of the data stored in the memory, the data being associated with the selected transponder generating the second electromagnetic field.

36. (Amended) The method of claim 35, wherein the step of providing a first transponder comprises the step of providing a first transponder including a first memory coupled to a first consumable that is a printhead consumable, wherein the step of providing a second transponder comprises the step of providing a second transponder including a second memory coupled to a second consumable that is an ink consumable, wherein the step of providing a third transponder comprises the step of providing a third transponder including a third memory coupled to a third consumable that is a receiver media consumable and wherein the step of providing a fourth transponder comprises the step of providing a fourth [consumable] transponder including a fourth memory coupled to a fourth consumable that is a cleaning fluid consumable.